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C O N F I D E N T C A L ISLAMABAD 5387

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TAGS: PINR, PK, IN  
SUBJECT: ABDUL SATTAR TO BE NEW PAK AMB TO INDIA

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1. INDIAN DCM TOLD POLCOUNS TODAY THAT NEW PAK AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI WILL BE ABDUL SATTAR, WHO HAS BEEN PAK AMB TO VIENNA (AND BUDCQEST) SINCE 1975. ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED TODAY OR TOMORROW. POST IN DELHI HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE DEATH OF PREVIOUS INCUMBENT IN DECEMBER 1977.

2. SATTAR IS A FLETCHER SCHOOL GRADUATE WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN INDO-PAK AFFAIRS; HE HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY IN DELHI, AND DURING THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT, HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS IN THE MFA. PREVIOUS MFA ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED EXPERIENCE IN ARAB AND CHINESE AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS A STINT AS PA TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY; OTHER OVERSEAS POSTINGS HAVE INCLUDED SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON, JIDDA, AND KHARTOUM. IN VIENNA, HIS RESPONSIBILITIES  
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HAVE ALSO INCLUDED REPRESENTATION TO IAEA, UNIDO, AND OPEC.

3. ACCORDING TO SOMETIME SOUTH ASIAN SPECIALIST H. B. SCHAFER, SATTAR "IS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTS IN THE PAK FOREIGN SERVICE" (REFAIR BEING POUCHED TO DELHI C/O H.B. SCHAFER). INDIAN DCM DOSHI AGREES WITH THAT ESTIMATE, DESCRIBING SATTAR AS "AN EXCELLENT CHOICE" AND A FIRST-CLASS PROFESSIONAL WITH

WHOM HE WORKED VERY CLOSELY DURING THE POST-SIMLA ACCORD PERIOD.  
VIENNA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON SATTAR'S MORE RECENT PERFORMANCE.

4. ABDUL SATTAR IS 47, A PUNJABI FROM THE PAK SIDE OF THE  
INDO-PAK BORDER, AND A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.  
HE IS MARRIED AND AS OF 1974 HAD TWO CHILDREN.  
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